

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

Please cancel claims 7 and 9 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method for drying laundry in a laundry dryer having a program control device, a drying chamber and a process air circuit including a fresh air supply passageway and an exhaust air discharge passageway, the process air circuit having disposed therein a heater and a blower for conveying drying air through the drying chamber, the method comprising:

providing a flow dividing device in the process air circuit configured to divide, into an exhaust air component and a recirculated air component, a flow of the drying air;

measuring, by a sensor, at least one of a pressure and a pressure profile in an air stream of the process air circuit in an area where the drying air enters the drying chamber;

evaluating the at least one of the pressure and the pressure profile; ~~and~~

controlling the flow dividing device based on the evaluating so as to reduce or set to zero the recirculated air component and to continue a drying process at a reduced volumetric flow rate of the drying air through the drying chamber; and

reducing a heating power of the heater based on the reduced volumetric flow rate of the drying air.

Claim 7(cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A laundry dryer comprising:

a program control module;

a drying chamber including a rotatable drum;

a process air circuit including a fresh air supply passageway ~~and~~, an exhaust air discharge passageway and a stationary heating duct;

a heater disposed in the process air circuit;

a blower disposed in the process air circuit and configured to convey drying air through the drying chamber;

a pressure sensor disposed in an area where the drying air enters the drying chamber in a space between the stationary heating duct and the rotatable drum, the pressure sensor being and configured to measure at least one of a pressure and a pressure profile in the drying chamber; and

a flow dividing device disposed in the process air circuit and configured to controllably divide a flow of the drying air into an exhaust air component and a recirculated air component, the flow dividing device including a shut-off damper configured to completely or partially close an air path of the recirculated air component based on the measured at least one of a pressure and a pressure profile.

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The laundry dryer as recited in claim-~~9~~ 8 wherein the pressure sensor is disposed in an area where the drying air enters the drying chamber.